

Born in Haynesville, LA, on July 17, 1945, Pastor Hatter found his calling early in life through the care and love of his aunt and uncle. Baptized at the age of nine, Jerry began his service as a Sunday school teacher and later as an assistant financial secretary for the Mt. Obie C.M.E. Church in Homer, LA. His skills in finance led him to Grambling State University, where he earned an accounting degree in 1968.

Pastor Hatter continued his education as he moved to the Detroit area, earning an M.B.A. from the University of Detroit in 1976, his State of Michigan Real Estate Broker license in 1982 and passing his C.P.A. examination in 1984. The commitment Pastor Hatter has for education has only been surpassed by his religious strength and his service to others in his community.

In 1972, Pastor Hatter joined Oak Grove A.M.E. Church in Detroit, serving that church community for 19 years as a Trustee, member of the male choir and Minister of Business and Finance. Pastor Hatter received his call to serve as a minister in 1986 and was ordained in 1989 at the St. Stephen A.M.E. Church in Detroit. He served as an Associate Minister at Oak Grove Church until 1991.

In August of 1991, Pastor Hatter began his service at Brown Chapel. In the 15 years he has served the congregation and community, Pastor Hatter has established several outreach ministries, opened a child care center, set up the Brown Chapel Foundation public charity and was elected Pastor of the Year by the Michigan Conference Lay Organization in 1995. Along with these great works, Pastor Hatter is also a mentor for the Village Initiative to foster reduction and prevention of youth incarceration, a Chairman of the Fourth District Commission on Evangelism, as well as the president of both the Mid-Michigan A.M.E. Churches Fellowship and the Michigan Conference Minister's Protective League.

Throughout his life, Pastor Jerry Hatter has served others in his community. He has worked hard to put his faith into action, serving as an example of what it means to be a leader and a teacher. I honor Pastor Hatter for his tremendous achievements and his true dedication to his fellow man.

#### RECOGNIZING PARTICIPANTS IN THE NATIONAL SPELLING BEE

#### HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2006*

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize three outstanding National Spelling Bee participants from my district: Andy Wade, 14, from Putnam County, WV, James Cook, 13, from Martinsburg, WV and Jonathan Nicklin Allen, 13, from Romney, WV.

2006 marked the 78th annual Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee. This event was created by the Louisville Courier-Journal in 1925 with only nine contestants; today it has grown to 274. The National Spelling Bee is sponsored by Scripps Howard, Inc. and is held each year to help students broaden their vocabularies, improve their spelling, and develop correct English usage that will help them throughout their lives. This is the largest and longest running competition to promote education.

Sponsored by the Charleston Gazette, Andy Wade, an eighth grader at Winfield Middle School, advanced to the third round. He has now competed in five spelling bees. James Cook is also an eighth-grader and attends Charles Town Middle School. Sponsored by The Journal in Martinsburg, he advanced to the third round. Jonathan Nicklin Allen, an eighth grader at Romney Middle school, was sponsored by the Hampshire Review in Romney and advanced to the second round.

#### RECOGNIZING BOBBY AND NILIE SNIDER

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2006*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today—the 50th wedding anniversary of Bobby and Nilie Snider. This event will take place on July 14, 2006, but the Snider Family is celebrating the event on June 25, 2006.

Bobby Joe Snider was born on February 6, 1938 in Weaver, AL, to Herman and Gertice Snider. His wife, Nilie Finley Snider, was born on May 7, 1938, in Cedar Springs, AL, to Claude and Nile Finley. Mr. and Mrs. Snider were married on July 14, 1956 at Weaver Methodist Church. Together they raised three children, and Nilie went on to work in retail after the children were grown. Bobby retired from Liberty National as an insurance agent. They have two sons, one son-in-law, one daughter, two daughters-in-law, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Bobby and Nilie are active members of Weaver Baptist Church in Weaver, AL where Bobby has served as a Deacon. On June 25, 2006, a reception will be held in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. I salute this lovely couple on the 50th year of their life together and join their family in honoring them on this special occasion.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF COURAGEOUS VETERAN ROBERT BROWN OF PLYMOUTH, MN

#### HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2006*

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a member of the Greatest Generation who recently passed away.

Minnesota lost a true hero in Robert Brown of Plymouth, MN, of the 3rd Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, Bob was a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps. His education at Columbia University was interrupted by World War II. He eagerly enlisted in the Marines and proudly served his nation during World War II, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam.

Bob retired from the military in 1967 and began a career with Rockwell International that sent him on other missions to promote freedom and economic opportunity all over the world, including Iran and South Korea.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Brown was one of our nation's best and brightest. And the legacy of his

courage will live on forever in the hearts of freedom-loving people everywhere.

Lt. Colonel Brown earned many decorations during his 23 years of service to his country: the American Campaign Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the Navy Unit Commendation, the WWII Victory Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

Mr. Speaker, our thoughts and prayers are with Bernidine Brown, Bob's wife of 58 years, as well as sons Michael (Barbara), Stephen (Laurie) and Mark, and grandsons Jacob, Kyle and Travis.

A grateful nation joins them in their mourning and thanks Bob for his courageous service to his country and the cause of freedom.

#### HONORING JOHN RADER ON THE COMPLETION OF HIS INTERNSHIP

#### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2006*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many contributions John Rader has made while interning in my Washington, DC, office. John has been a wonderful addition to the office and has performed many great services for the constituents of Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District.

While my staff and I will certainly miss John's help and enthusiastic attitude, John is returning home to Cookeville. This fall, he will begin his junior year at the University of Tennessee, where he is studying political science and history and is president of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

During his internship, John won over the entire staff with his eagerness and easygoing attitude. Not only has he endeared himself to us as he assisted with countless projects, but he also has endeared himself to countless visitors from Middle Tennessee.

John's family is one I know well, and I consider many members of the previous two generations to be good friends. His family has made many great contributions to their community and state, and I am sure John will continue that legacy.

I hope John has enjoyed his internship and his stay in our Nation's Capital as much as my staff and I have enjoyed having him here. I wish him all the best in the future.

#### HONORING MARJORIE JOY

#### HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2006*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Marjorie Joy of Oak Lawn, IL, principal of Lee School, who is retiring after a long and distinguished career in education.

Dr. Marjorie Joy is a dynamic influence in the West Lawn community. She has been a leader in the community since she came to Lee School as a seventh grade teacher in 1975. She would later become an eighth